AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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On page 4, line 2, please replace the original paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

-- Fig. 1 shows a chart in a reverse and anion-exchange chromatography of d[GC^{ac}ATCAGC^{ac}C^{ac}TCAT] (SEQ ID NO: 1) synthesized with the use of the silyl linker. --

On page 11, line 4, please replace the original paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

-- A DNA 13-mer: d[GC^{ac}ATCAGC^{ac}C^{ac}TCAT] (SEQ ID NO: 1) wherein the amino groups in some of the cytosine bases were acetylated was synthesized. Such acetyl group was unstable under such a weakly basic condition as ammonia. However, the acetylated cytosine base will form a base pair of Watson-Crick type with a guanine base and a DNA oligomer comprising such acetylated cytosine base will therefore have a specialized property such as a higher forming capacity of a double strand than that comprising a natural cytosine base.--

On page 12, line 8, please replace the original paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

-- The DMTr group was then removed by the treatment with 3 % trichloroacetic acid in CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL) for one minute, and the solid-phase support was washed with CH_2Cl_2 (1 mL x 3) and CH_3CN (1 mL x 3). The cyanoethyl group was then removed by the treatment with 10% DBU in CH_3CN (500 μL). After being washed with CH_3CN (1 mL x 3), the solid-phase support was treated with anhydrous

THF solution (500 μL) dissolving TBAF (131 mg, 0.5 mmol) and acetic acid (24 μL, 0.5 mmol) for one hour in order to cut out the DNA oligomer. The resulting mixture solution was desalted with Sep-Pak C18 cartridge, diluted with water and subjected to reverse and anion-exchange HPLC for analysis. The results by mass spectrometry of the resulting compound are as follows: d[GC^{ac}ATCAGC^{ac}C^{ac}TCAT] (SEQ ID NO: 1) Mass (M-H)calcd. 4017.72, found 4018.00.--

Please insert the Sequence Listing enclosed herewith immediately after the Abstract.